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Sigma Tau Psi criticized for on-campus activities Lack of affiliation is cause of concern for Greeks and OSAO

Rick Barnard
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Sigma Tau Psi, a local fraternity, is trying to gain a foothold on campus despite strong criticism from both the Greek Council and the Office of Student Activities and Organizations.

Sigma Tau Psi was founded as a local fraternity in Salisbury in 1983. In 1994 it became a colony of the nationally recognized Sigma Tau Gamma. After an off-campus incident involving under-aged drinking in 1996, Sigma Tau Gamma lost its national recognition as well as its recognition as an SSU registered student organization.

Members of the fraternity decided to revert back to a local fraternity and once again became known as Sigma Tau Psi. This semester they have caused controversy by actively recruiting new members on SSU's campus.

Flyers advertising an interest meeting were posted on information kiosks throughout the campus. Sigma Tau Psi also advertised an interest meeting for the organization of a little sisters group, a group of women to be attached to the fraternity.

According to Greg Fewster, vice president of Sigma Tau Psi, these flyers were torn down just as soon as they were put up. He says that he and members of his group confronted a

group of women from Zeta Tau Alpha who were removing the signs. According to Fewster, the women claimed they were removing the signs at the request of Joe Oravec, the director of Student Activities and Organizations.

Oravec denies authorizing the signs' removal, but did say that he believes that posters for registered student organization events should take precedence and he personally has removed posters for local and commercial events that blocked posters for campus events.

Fewster also said that members of Zeta Tau Alpha feigned interest in the Sigma Tau Psi's little sister group by showing up at the meeting and tried to dissuade others from staying at the meeting. Members of other Greek organizations have told members of

Sigma Tau Psi that they have no right to wear Greek letters, Fewster said.

According to Fewster, Sigma Tau Gamma was treated unfairly when it was removed as a campus organization. He said that only two of its members were cited for under-aged drinking but that these incidents happen all the time on campus, including in other Greek organizations and in the Crossroads, yet the organizations remain on campus.

Fewster is proud of what his organization has been able to accomplish without the help of a national organization, including assisting a Santa's Workshop and sponsoring a river clean-up.

Fewster said he believes the backlash is due to jealousy and rivalry from other Greek organizations. He said the other Greek organizations blame

their shrinking memberships on Sigma Tau Psi because Sigma Tau Psi does not participate in a designated rush period, nor do they pay large dues to a national organization. According to Fewster, the other Greek organizations are hurting themselves with their high dues and harsh competition to recruit new members. Fewster said that the other groups are intimidated because Sigma Tau Psi is based on strong brotherhood and loyalty.

Oravec offered a different view of the situation. He said that there are several organizations on campus that exist without official SGA recognition and that is their right to do so. The problem is that these organizations have no one to answer to. This is especially troubling to Oravec in the case of

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Faculty salaries have fallen behind national levels

Brent Bozman
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Maryland Governor Parris Glendening has requested \$5 million from the Maryland state legislature as part of a two-year plan to increase faculty salaries for the University System of Maryland (USM).

According to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) annual report of faculty salaries for fiscal year 1998, the USM ranked in the 64th percentile nationally. This translates into the USM ranking higher than 64 percent and lower than 36 percent of faculty salaries at other institutions.

SSU faculty salaries ranked in the 58th percentile, second to last among the nine USM schools.

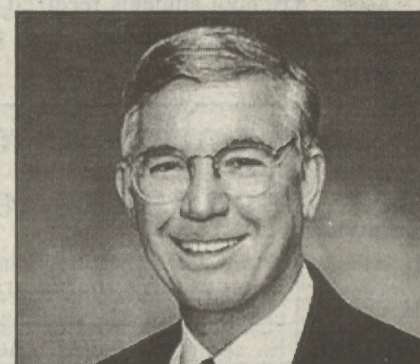
The average faculty salary nationwide in the 1996-1997 AAUP report was \$52,556. Full professors averaged \$67,415, associate professors averaged \$49,695 and assistant professors averaged \$41,041.

SSU full professors averaged \$60,000, associate professors averaged \$46,000, and assistant professors averaged \$38,000.

The USM's goal is to raise faculty salaries to the 85th percentile, which would place the USM in the top nine of the 58 member Public One Research Universities.

The Maryland state legislature granted a \$4.5 million increase to the USM last year.

The USM plans to award raises selectively to faculty in the most competitive fields such as math and



The Flyer/ Courtesy of Maryland Electronic Capital
Governor Parris Glendening seeks
funding to improve faculty salaries.

sciences, rather than across the board to all faculty.

Of the proposed \$5 million increase, \$2.5 million would go to the University of Maryland at College Park and \$1 million would go to the University of Maryland at Baltimore. SSU would receive approximately \$200,000.

"Because we're part of a larger system, not independent, it's difficult (to lobby for more)," said SSU Faculty Senate President David Parker.

Parker said the lower cost of living on the Eastern Shore is often a reason why the USM allocates less money to SSU for salaries. However, salaries at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore were in the 80th percentile.

By raising faculty salaries, the USM hopes to increase faculty retention by making its salaries more competitive. The average term of service for a SSU faculty member is 13.2 years. SSU professors average 19.9 years, associate professors average 14 years, assistant professors average 8.2 years, and instructors average 8.3 years.

"Increasing faculty salaries to make them more competitive and increasing faculty retention are important for SSU's and the USM's national eminence," Parker said.

Parker said the average raise for SSU faculty would be in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range, which barely keeps up with the current inflation rate of 3 percent.

USM salaries in 1991 were all in the 80th percentile or higher, but in recent years, they have fallen behind. USM salaries have lost ground due to inflation in recent years and only two cost of living increases of 3 percent have been granted since 1992.

Kenna Brigham, Editor in Chief, contributed to this article.

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In case you missed it

National

*Last week, a *Consumer Reports* study found that two-thirds of chickens bought at retail stores in a 1,000 chicken sample contained campylobacter, a bacteria that is a leading cause of food poisoning. The Center for Disease Control said poultry is responsible for more than half of the 500 deaths resulting from campylobacter each year.

*On Monday, Feb. 23, a series of tornadoes swept through central Florida leaving at least 38 people dead. As many as 10 tornadoes struck the region surrounding Orlando. Meteorologists say El Nino contributed to the severe weather.

*On Monday, Feb. 23, two Chinese men were charged with conspiracy to see human organs taken from corpses of executed Chinese prisoners. On Friday, the men were arrested in New York after allegedly offering to sell organs for transplant to an undercover FBI agent. A federal law passed last year made it illegal to sell organs for transplant.

*On Tuesday, Feb. 24, test results were released announcing that American high school seniors scored far below their peers from 20 countries in an international exam for math and science. The results were worse than the marks American elementary and middle school students received over the past two years. The nation's

education leaders were dismayed at the findings.

*On Tuesday, Feb. 24, seven people were killed in California as a result of an El Nino-driven storm. Rain fell heavily for nearly 18 hours, causing floods, washing out highways and unleashing mudslides. Storms in California have dumped twice the seasonal average of rainfall so far this winter.

*On Wednesday, Feb. 25, Pentagon officials reported that hackers had breached at least 11 U.S. military computer systems earlier this month. The systems contained unclassified information but have alarmed U.S. authorities. Officials believe the hacks were part of a prank and nothing more serious.

*On Wednesday, Feb. 25, Representative Bill Paxon (R-N.Y.) announced he was retiring from politics to spend more time with his wife and daughter. Paxon, who was viewed as a potential candidate for House Majority Leader, said he would finish out his term but would never run for public office again.

*On Wednesday, Feb. 25, Reverend Henry J. Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc., the nation's largest black church organization, was charged with theft and racketeering. Lyons has been accused of mishandling hundreds of thousands of dollars of the church's money.

State/Local

*On Monday, Feb. 23, investigators in a fire in Fruitland last week said the three bodies they found had been beaten and stabbed to death before their house was set on fire. Originally, police thought the cause of death had been related to the fire.

*On Monday, Feb. 23 a boat carrying two fishermen was swamped and sunk, stranding Keith Bradley, 35, and David Bennett, 44, on a small marshy island in the Nanticoke River. The two men were stranded for 12 hours before being rescued by local waternen and firefighters.

*On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the estranged boyfriend of the 20-year-old granddaughter murdered along with her grandparents in Fruitland last week confessed to the crime as well as burning the house to cover his tracks. Eugene Edward Winder confessed to the Feb. 18 killing of 20-year-old Christie L. Mainor and her grandparents, John J. Mainor, 71, and Geraldine Mainor, 70.

*On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs committee voted 7-4 to support a slightly weakened version of Governor Parris Glendening's bill to fight pfisteria. The bill is the center of controversy among Eastern Shore farmers, who say they will be forced out of business with the new regulations.

Candidate for governor Schoenke to visit SSU

Ray Schoenke, Democratic gubernatorial candidate for Maryland, will be speaking in Caruthers Auditorium on Tuesday, March 3 at 8 p.m. Tau Kappa Epsilon is presenting Schoenke, who has been a resident of Maryland since 1966 when he began playing football for the Washington Redskins.

After retiring from professional football in 1975, Schoenke became CEO and chairman of the board for Schoenke & Associates, a multi-million dollar insurance brokerage firm, a position he has held for over 20 years.

Along with building a business, Schoenke has raised three children with his wife, Nancy. All



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Controversial speaker denounces bombing of Iraq

Hugh Bouchelle
Flyer Staff Writer

Mitsuo Okamoto, a recent guest speaker at SSU, said that Ohio State students were right in protesting a recent visit to their campus by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Albright had been sent to the Ohio State campus to drum up support for U.S. plans to bomb Iraq for their refusal to allow U.N. weapons inspectors into certain sights within Iraq. The sometimes controversial speaker encouraged the students at SSU to be the "conscience of democracy."

Okamoto, a professor of international politics at Hiroshima Shudo University in Hiroshima, Japan, spoke on weapons of mass destruction, the "sins" of both Japan and the U.S. during World War II and the potential bombing of Iraq by U.N. sanctioned forces. He was a guest of Dr. Phillip Bosserman and the students of the sociology of conflict and nonviolence course offered as part of the peace studies minor at SSU.

Okamoto has visited Iraq and found the people very friendly. He argued that we may hate Saddam, but we should not hate the Iraqi people. He said he feels that there is no way to detect

production of chemical or biological weapons in Iraq and that continued U.N. inspections only serve to humiliate Iraq. He explained that bombing Iraq would only serve to make the situation in the area worse and cause additional suffering to the Iraqi people.

Okamoto said that as nations, neither Japan or the U.S. have admitted the sins of World War II. He quoted, as an example of this denial, the words of Dr. Robert F. Dombroski from an editorial in *The Daily Times* last August, "That surrender, [Japan WWII] resulted from eight days, beginning with the bombing of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945,

of the most successful, effective, efficient and ultimately human example of conflict resolution in history."

Dombroski, department chair, of accounting and legal Studies at SSU and retired Air Force Colonel, stood by his statement which he said was only one sentence in his editorial.

While acknowledging the results of the war crimes tribunal that convicted many Japanese after WWII, Okamoto noted that two of the judges in the tribunal clearly wanted an investigation of the war crimes of the U.S. regarding Hiroshima and Nagasaki. However, they were overruled.



The Flyer/ Courtesy of Center for Conflict Resolution
Professor Mitsuo Okamoto recently spoke at the Center for Conflict Resolution on the need for peaceful resolutions.

Professor Okamoto asked, "Was it not war crimes to use nuclear weapons, the most inhuman weapons of mass destruction? When Japan was de facto defeated, is not the fundamental principle of law the equalizer, were opposing parties the victor or the loser to be treated the same way according to justice?"

Okamoto received a long round of applause as he concluded his speech, referring to Bosserman and other peace advocates, as the "salt of the earth" and the conscience of democracy. He said, "If your conscience never bothers you, you are either a saint or a bastard," and that the Ohio state incident was just another example of the resiliency of American grass roots democracy.

Dr. Gregory Cashman, Professor of Political Science at SSU and author of the book *Causes of War*, said, "It's good for American students to hear that perspective." Cashman was part of the crowd of approximately 100 students and faculty that gathered to hear Okamoto's speech.

Okamoto was sponsored by the Center for Conflict Resolution, directed by Michael McCormick. The organization, co-founded by Bosserman [now retired] and Joan Maloof in 1988 as a peace studies course, now serves the University and the community with Conflict Resolution training, mediation of both private and social conflicts, study circles on racism and other conflict topics and administers the peace studies minor at SSU. The center soon hopes to have a major in peace studies.

Local fraternities will not be recognized by Greek Council

SIGMA TAU PSI, from front page

Sigma Tau Psi because they have gone outside of conventional channels, yet continue to refer to themselves as a Greek organization.

Oravec said that by doing this they have shown they do not understand what Greek life is all about. He believes that a fraternity needs goals and a direction. By choosing to become an underground fraternity instead of trying to become legitimate, said Oravec, Sigma Tau Psi is showing that they do not wish to go forward and therefore degrades what it means to be Greek.

Oravec said that SSU has a regulation that all fraternities and sororities must have a national affiliation in order to be recognized by the SGA. This regulation not only provides an established structure for the organization to follow, but it also ensures that a system of risk management is in place in case anything goes wrong. According to Oravec, a large part of a Greek organization's dues is used to pay for insurance. A local fraternity does not have such a system in place.

Fewster said that its members are aware that the organization is not affiliated with SSU but did not say if the members are aware of the risks they take without a national affiliation. He said

that they are seeking a new national affiliation but have enjoyed the advantages of not being a registered student organization.

Sigma Tau Psi has respected other Greek organizations, Fewster said and would like to see some respect in return. Fewster said that his group has been in touch with lawyers who have said that Greek letters cannot be copyrighted so there is nothing wrong with using them. The group should also have the right to post flyers for their meetings, Fewster said.

The Greek Council, which is the governing body for SSU's recognized mens' and womens' fraternities and sororities, would not comment about Sigma Tau Psi. It did issue a statement about local fraternities in general, resolving that local fraternities were "not a viable asset to the SSU community" and will not recognize them as a Greek organization and would not affiliate

with them for the same reasons stated by Oravec.

They also cited a 1987 resolution from the National Interfraternity Conference (IFC) to discourage fraternities from forming little sisters groups, stating they weaken and distract from a fraternities' goals.

SSU's IFC, which regulates registered fraternities, and the Panhellenic Council, which regulates registered sororities, issued similar statements.

Fewster said that many of Sigma Tau Psi's officers are graduating this semester so it will be up to the other members and their new pledges on how

to proceed. There is no evidence that any of the registered Greek organizations are condoning or encouraging direct action against Sigma Tau Psi. Oravec says that the door is always open for Sigma Tau Psi to become recognized if they follow proper channels.

Both Fewster and Oravec agreed that non-Greeks should know what is going on. Fewster wants to highlight how the Greeks have become a bureaucratic organization filled with petty jealousy. Oravec thinks students should understand the difference between a registered fraternity and a group calling itself a fraternity and should not confuse the two.

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How do you eat a moose? That is the question John Marselle, president



The Flyer/ Courtesy of Perdue School of Business
John Marselle, president of Sun Microsystems Federal, compared learning to use technology to eating a moose.

of Sun Microsystems Federal, posed to students at the first "Perdue School Business Meeting-Passport to Success" on February 5. Marselle, an SSU alumnus, was the featured speaker and addressed more than 500 students, faculty, alumni, staff and area business people.

As president of one of the world's leading technology firms, Marselle stressed "the importance of having a background in technology no matter what field students pursued." Ryan Lawrence, president of the Association of Information Technology Professionals, a Perdue School student club, commented that he "especially liked Marselle's analogy of technology using the oversized stuffed moose he brought on stage."

Marselle's analogy of how to eat a moose (one piece at a time)

helped students realize they didn't need to grasp all areas of technology-just one part at a time at the School. Marselle's high energy presentation brought a little "Sun" into the auditorium.

The meeting was held to bring together the community of students, faculty, staff, alumni and area business to showcase the best of what the school has to offer. Each academic department highlighted their respective departments.

Student facing criminal charges withdrawals from school

David Ferrara
News/Features Editor

On February 10, freshman David A. Sacramo, 18, was charged with possession of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia following Public Safety's response to a complaint about the possible use of marijuana in Choptank Hall.

According to Director of Public Safety James Phillips, the officers estimated that one ounce of marijuana was recovered from the scene, although they did not weigh it. The marijuana was sent to the state police barracks for further analysis.

Sacramo, a native of Poolesville, Md. in Montgomery

County, is scheduled to appear in Wicomico District Court Wednesday, March 5. Rather than face administrative action, Sacramo withdrew from the university and will not face disciplinary action from the school.

Phillips said it is rare for Public Safety to discover such a large amount of marijuana. He added that there are few cases where a student is charged with intent to distribute.

During the 1997-98 academic year there have been four other marijuana related violations reported to Public Safety. None of them were charged with an attempt to distribute.

Kenna Brigham, Editor in Chief, contributed to this article.

OPINION

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Republicans need to stop talking and act on campaign finance

David Ferrara
News/Features Editor

Last week, Republicans in the U.S. Senate successfully prevented the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill from being acted on by the members of the Senate by voting 51-48 to end a filibuster of the bill.

Without a mandatory 60 votes, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott was able to remove the bill from the floor and introduce new legislation for Senate consideration; thus effectively squelching the chance for any campaign finance reform before elections in November.

Now why would the Republicans, who have railed against President Bill Clinton's campaign fundraising tactics, vote against a campaign finance reform bill? The answer is obvious, if not hypocritical. Republicans weren't upset that Clinton had possibly illegally raised money for his campaign because of ethics, but because he found a way to generate money they hadn't thought of yet.

The Republican party receives much more of its funding from large sum donations, which the McCain-Feingold bill seeks to eliminate through a ban on "soft money." The Democrats tend to generate funds through individual contributors rather than corporate donors, although they too actively seek out big money donations.

Campaign finance could easily be resolved if the Senators could pull their faces out of the feed bags long enough to pass legislation that required free on-air television and radio time for all candidates.

Campaign advertising is where the majority of campaign funds are spent in an effort to reach as large an audience as possible. Obviously mass mediums such as T.V. and radio are the best options to achieve that goal. However, they do not come cheaply.

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the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

This system allows broadcasters to earn money from people running for public office by charging for use of a public resource. By allowing free air time, the need to raise money, even if it means using illegal methods, would be diminished. A added benefit would be that candidates would no

longer be limited to incumbents or wealthy businessmen.

Free air time for political advertising would limit some of the dirty business in the world of politics and move the country back toward a truer form of democracy, where ideas and not the size of a candidate's checking account mattered.

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"Twelfth Night" recreates Globe Theater in Fulton Hall

Kate Montero
Flyer Staff Writer

One can almost feel the chaotic crowds of vendors selling their wares as noisy peasants and those of royal standing intermingle in this cultural celebration. Though it may sound like it is from a forgotten time, this experience will become available when SSU's very own reconstructed Globe Theater hosts William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," opening this weekend.

Directing "Twelfth Night" is proving to be an exciting challenge for Director of Theater Paul Pfeiffer. "I want to bring alive, as much as possible with our resources, the feeling of going to see one of Shakespeare's plays in its original setting," said Pfeiffer.

SSU's Globe Theater is being constructed in Black Box Theater at one half the scale of the reconstructed Globe in England. Several scene shop volunteers, with help from various communication arts classes, are accurately recreating the Globe Theater.

Master carpenter Charles Kindred, a junior, is living up to the challenge presented by this intricate set. "When I imagined it, I thought it was going to be a lot of work, but it has been really satisfying to see how far we've gone and gotten accomplished," said Kindred.

Kindred feels there is more to this set than usual. Part of this extra involvement is the stage which has been raised four feet above the ground. Audience members who opt to be groundlings and stand in the yard get the true Shakespearean experience as the raised stage will serve as an elbow rest. There is also a balcony level bringing that part of the stage a total of nine feet above the ground.

The height to the stage has proved to be interesting for the actors. Sophomore Brandon Palm, who is playing the role of Valentine, said, "It's a little bit different of an experience because it's the highest stage I've ever worked on. It took a little while to get used to the fact that you're so high above the people" said Palm. Despite

some getting used to, Palm feels this will serve as a very good acting experience.

With the atmosphere the stage and setting are presenting, audience member are encouraged to participate in the spirit of this Shakespearean production. Pfeiffer feels that audiences are shaped by certain etiquette, and the theater rules of today were not present in the days of the Shakespearean plays.

"The idea of vocally reacting to what's going on on-stage is not something we're accustomed to because we're trained to be quiet when the lights go down. But in this case, the lights never do go down," said Pfeiffer. By doing this, Pfeiffer hopes to maintain a mutual environment between the actors on-stage and the audience members. Pfeiffer feels that everyone should be a participant, but added that he hopes no one will get too rowdy.

Orange wenchers have been cast by Pfeiffer to mill around the audience dressed in the garb of the period, selling oranges and cookies. "These people are going to be directly relating to individuals in the audience before the

show starts and at each of the scene changes. This will keep the audience in touch with that idea of participation," said Pfeiffer.

The balcony that has been constructed will serve as an area for live musicians. Pfeiffer chose to use musicians rather than taped music because he feels it is called for, and that was how it was done. "This play is considered by critics the most musical of Shakespeare's plays. Therefore, music is obviously a crucial part of the texture of the performance," Pfeiffer said.

With the actors, the stage, the set, the musicians and the feel for the time coming together to form one, the world of Shakespeare has arrived at SSU.

"It's a very different kind of theater experience that you don't usually get. From an academic standpoint, one of the principle advantages is to be able to experience a play in the context it was written to be performed in," said Pfeiffer.

Students work with local children at Salvation Army

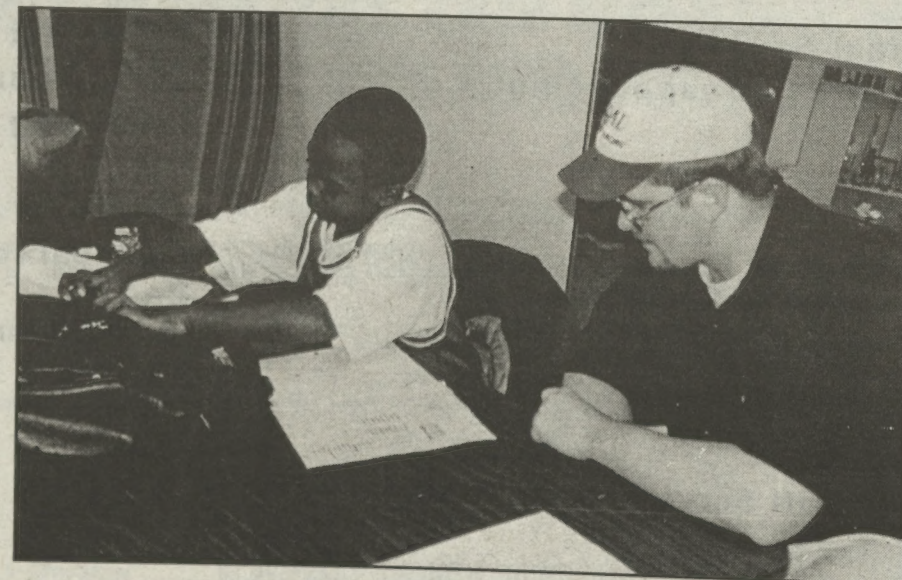
Alison Siegel
Flyer Staff Writer

In a world that is constantly bombarded with stories of crime and violence, it is refreshing when stories of compassion and virtue are discovered. Such a story exists here in Salisbury through a program that brings together SSU students, local children and community volunteers. The Salvation Army's Learning Center Program provides academic tutoring and informal mentoring to members of the Salvation Army's Youth Clubs.

The program was founded in 1996 by Diane Cowne, now Education Director for the Salvation Army, when she worked for the Americorps Program's Pals Project. Cowne explained, "My supervisor at the Salvation Army wanted to serve the whole child. Before this we had only focused on athletics. We instituted that if [a child] has below a 1.7 G.P.A. in core academics, and plays a sport, [that child] has to come twice a week to academic tutoring." In the program's first year of operations, 130 children were tutored and 78 percent showed marked improvements in their grades.

Initially, facilities and tutors were scarce, and Cowne had to locate the tutors herself. She said, "I was working on my Masters at Salisbury State, so I

The Learning Center Program focuses on children that are, as Cowne described, "at risk for risky behaviors." Such behaviors include dropping out of



Tyrell Wilkes gets help with his homework from his tutor, Kevin Gilligan, as part of the Salvation Army's Learning Center Program.

started going to my classes and recruiting." The SSU students that volunteer for the tutoring program are social work majors and education students.

school, teenage pregnancy and drug and alcohol abuse. Children spend one and a half hours, twice a week, working with their tutors. The first hour is concentrated on the academic tutoring, while the second hour includes games

and activities intended to help build the children's social skills.

The children who attend the program range from ages six to 16. Sixty percent of the children are between the ages of nine and 13. Most of these students are athletes who need to maintain the 1.7 G.P.A. in order to remain in sports. Some of the children, however, are there voluntarily so that they can improve academically.

Most of the University tutors are there for their field experience for EDUC 305 School in Society class. There are currently 80 EDUC 305 students tutoring for the program.

Sophomore English education major Katie Profili began tutoring for the Learning Center this semester. "I think it's a very helpful program," she said, "mostly because it builds self esteem that the kids wouldn't get elsewhere. If their home situation is bad, they don't get support there. We not only give them tutoring, but we also get them to interact with other kids in small groups."

Sophomore Jennifer Hendry, an elementary education major, tutored for the Learning Center last semester. She said that the program is quite beneficial to the tutors themselves.

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Spotlight on Officer Carlton Tobias



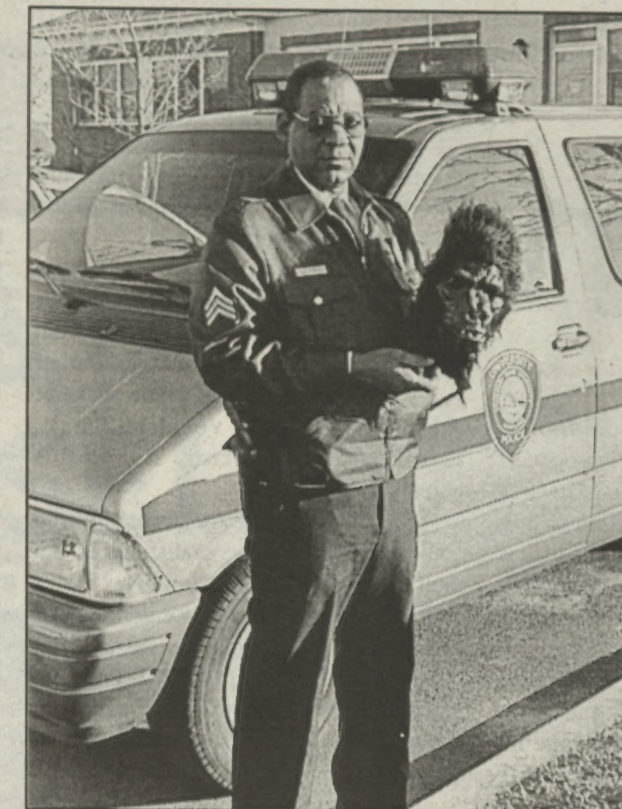
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Each week in Spotlight, Emily Argo ventures out into SSU's hallowed halls of academia in search of campus profiles.

This week the spotlight shines on Carlton Tobias, the Public Safety crime prevention specialist, who will say "goodbye" to SSU in July 1999. Officer Tobias, better known as Toby, will retire after 25 years as part of the campus community. He has affected SSU with his friendly style and approachableness.

Originally from Washington, D.C., he was a military police officer in the Army for three years. He is currently a security policeman in the Air Force Reserve. Tobias said, "[I entered law enforcement because] I enjoy helping people. In this line of work, you get to meet a lot of people and interact with people of different cultures and backgrounds."

Tobias, like all of the Public Safety officers, is a Maryland State Police officer. He said they go through the same training and certification process as all state officers. He believes the advantage of working on a college campus is that confrontations with



Carlton "Toby" Tobias displays his gorilla mask that he uses as part of a program to teach students to lock their doors.

people are not as aggressive as those on the street.

Tobias said, "We mostly deal with good people. Everybody is basically here for a purpose and that keeps them on track. They know breaking the law can end their college careers." He said he feels working with

young adults keeps him young and upbeat.

He is very proud of the proactive approach the department has taken to prevent crime. Tobias said, "We are an excellent example of community policing." He said they work very hard to be visible and approachable.

Public Safety has received the Governor's Crime Prevention award five out of the last six years. Among their many honors was a first place award in the National Buckle Up Campaign in 1993. He said, "I really feel, at the bottom of my heart, that we do a good job."

Tobias is a certified driver improvement instructor. All SSU students who operate state vehicles must pass his course. He said, "I

am also certified to take points off licenses. Most people don't know that."

He is a member of the Maryland, D.C. and Delaware Accreditation Association which helps police departments earn national accreditation. He is also a graduate of

the National Crime Prevention Institute, located at the University of Kentucky, Louisville.

Tobias is also involved with the Maryland Crime Prevention Coalition, a group of officers throughout the state, who work to increase awareness of techniques to prevent crime. He is involved with the Knights of Columbus.

Each year Tobias speaks to students and parents at orientation and he addresses all of the new student experience classes. By asking the officers for assistance, he thinks it helps students feel safe and more comfortable. He said, "SSU students are a lovely lot. They don't realize what power they have to create change. When they express their needs, the administration addresses them quickly. Sometimes students just need to be riled up."

Tobias decided to retire because he said he feels that young officers are needed to deal with this age group. He also said that the department is so small, there is not much chance for newer officers to move up.

Tobias, 53, is looking forward to spending time with his wife, two daughters and three grandchildren after he retires. He also plans to continue serving in the Air Force Reserve, to go fishing and to garden. He said, "I don't know what else I am going to do. I am still young."

Far from home

a weekly look at SSU's international community

Jennifer Martin
Flyer Staff Writer

Masato Tsuruta wants to help people in his life. "I'd like to save lives one day," he admits. Born in Wakkahai, Japan, this 22-year-old junior hopes to be a surgeon in the future. For now however, he is majoring in Biology at SSU and is experiencing the American way of life.

Tsuruta moved to the U.S. in 1991 when he transferred to a boarding school in Pine Beach, N.J. "I wanted to completely change my life," he said. Leaving his hometown, which is five hours from Nagano, Tsuruta said goodbye to his sister, Asami, and his parents. At 14, he was starting his new life.

Tsuruta, who describes himself as "gullible," had only been to the U.S. for two weeks before moving to New Jersey. It wasn't until he was influenced by his sister's English tutor that he decided to study in America. "I wanted to get away from my parents as well," he said.

Tsuruta, who described his country as "politically corrupt" yet "technologically advanced," graduated from High Admiral Farragut Academy in 1994. Through the help of his college advisor at the school, he began classes here at SSU that fall.

Volleyball and guitar playing are a few of his favorite hobbies. Currently, he plays volleyball every Wednesday and Thursday on the intramural team. Tsuruta, who admits he is still learning the English language, was influenced to play the guitar by the music of Ani Di Franco. He taught himself to play over two and a half years ago and is still strumming.

Currently living in Chesapeake Hall, Tsuruta enjoys seasoned fries and "surfing the channels," but has no particulate favorite T.V. show. He keeps in touch with his family frequently, yet they have only visited him once, when he graduated from the Academy. "I go home every summer and work part time as an assistant in a night club." He said that it's good pay and he "gets to tell people what to do."

Tsuruta enjoys Salisbury very much and added that "it's a lively town." He also said that the people here are "very friendly." Tsuruta hopes to graduate next year and attend medical school soon after. Although he may miss his favorite food of "yakimiku" (a variety of meats dipped into sauce), he seems very adjusted and content. Explaining his reasons for choosing such a difficult field he said, "I want to do something in my life, give back and do something for others."

For now, he continues to learn new things and practice his guitar. Although he is studying a difficult major, he still makes time for the important things in life: having fun.

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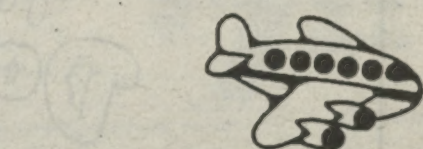
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Masato Tsuruta hopes to become a doctor so he can help others.

Closed Captioned Radio offers a variety of moods

Mike Snow
Flyer Staff Writer

The Bogmen

Arista Records recording artist, The Bogmen, have just released a new album, *Closed Captioned Radio*. The Bogmen, hailing from Manhattan, have received rave reviews from critics and producers alike.

The band members, Vic Thrill (vocals and guitar), William Ryan (guitar and back vocals), P.J. O'Connor (percussion), Clive Tucker (drums), Mark Wike (bass) and Brendan Ryan (keyboards and samples) feel that this album is all about rhythm. "We demystified that recording process; this time we knew what we wanted," said Wike.

The Bogmen's first album, *Life Begins at 40 Million*, gave the band national attention from both critics and fans. After releasing their first album, *The Bogmen* took their show on the road, playing over 200 shows across the

nation. With a unique and hymn-like set, it's no wonder why this band has sold

out many of its shows.

Closed Captioned Radio had the help of several notorious producers and mixers. John Laswell and Godfrey Diamond headed the production of this album, with Robbie Adams (U2's *Achtung Baby* and *Zooropa*) handling the mixing. "This album is more true to our live thing," said O'Connor.

The Bogmen have hired video director Matt Mahurin (U2 and Peter Gabriel) to create the video package for the newly released album. Mahurin directed the video of the band's first hit release "Suddenly," and with Mahurin directing an entire album for the first time, this should allow for an innovative and powerful energy.

Everyone always asks one thing about new music and the sound it represents: Who does it sound like? Well to tell you the truth, the question with

regards to *Closed Captioned Radio* is impossible to answer. Maybe a little U2 and Nine Inch Nails here, a little Rusted Root and Porno for Pyros there.

The rhythm of *Closed Captioned Radio* runs along very tight with the anarchist lyrics, such as in the song "Failing Systems."

"City garbage dumps/Leaky gas pumps/Such an ugly sight/But we all love the smell of gasoline/And the hum of a motor cooking/Or would you rather whip a horse/I like whips on the backs of scientists," chants vocalist Thrill, revealing a contradictory side to this naive society.

"Got the family curse/Nothing could be worse," rips vocalist Thrill, but then breaks with a soft lullaby, "Don't even try, don't even try/Just wait for something to fall from the sky" in the song "Mad Larry." It's as if Thrill is pleading with society to go out and get a piece of the action. We all know that the action has a hard way of finding us.

"This record isn't about perfection but about feel," said keyboardist Ryan.

Closed Captioned Radio is best described as a roller coaster of moods. At one moment you feel the lows and the accompanying dark tunnels, but then you are suddenly whipped upward into the sky, turbulent and disillusioned.

If their live performance is anything like *Closed Captioned Radio*, hurry up and get some tickets for the next time they play a Baltimore or Hampton area show. The Bogmen have a mystical, deep-rooted sound, unparalleled to any other band out there today. You may want to buy the album and see for yourself.

Students, children benefit from volunteer program

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"You can't necessarily tell a child to sit down and do their homework and then expect them to just do it. Many of them have short attention spans. You have to learn how to deal with it, which is important if you're going to become a teacher," Hendry noted.

The tutors also build a personal relationship with the children. The program has a one-to-one ratio of tutors and children, so they can get to know each other as more than just teacher and student.

Hendry said, "You get to know the personalities of the kids. They're not just some strangers. My student played football and every day we would talk about upcoming games and professional football."

The Learning Center program has been replicated in Pocomoke and Crisfield but currently is the only program structured to be both academic and socially based. Recently, the program secured a grant to have senior citizens volunteer their time to help mentor.

Cowne said, "We have strong community support, but we are always searching for resources. The program has become a pilot that will be launched nationally within the Salvation Army."

The program is an excellent example of how many facets of the community can contribute to each other. Reactions from the tutors, the children and the administrators all revealed that everyone involved has greatly benefited from the experience.

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What's happening? A guide to campus events

Dr. David Sadker presents "How Our Schools Cheat Girls (and Boys Too!)" on Mar. 9

Dr. David Sadker, professor at American University in Washington, D.C., is the next guest lecturer for the Riall Lecture Series at SSU. His presentation, "How Our Schools Cheat Girls (and Boys Too!)" is in Holloway Hall Auditorium on Monday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public will be followed by a reception in the Social Room of Holloway Hall.

A special preview session, "Gender Equity Issues in Higher Education," will be held on the same day at 2 p.m. in Caruthers Hall Auditorium.

For more than 25 years, Sadker, along with his late wife Myra, has researched sex bias from the classroom to the boardroom and has conducted training programs in over 40 states and overseas, helping alert teachers and parents to the negative impact of sexist behaviors. He has published and trained in areas ranging from bias in professional communications to sexual harassment, from effective strategies in management to effective strategies in the classroom.

Sadker's eye-opening book, *Failing at Fairness: How Our Schools Cheat Girls*, co-authored with his late wife, shows how gender bias makes it impossible for girls to receive an education equal to that given to boys. According to Sadker, girls and boys receive very different educations, even when they share the same classroom, textbook and teacher. Boys are more likely to have interaction with teachers, while female students are more likely to be "invisible members" of the classroom.

"Interestingly, most teachers and observers of our school systems do not even recognize the subtle signs and

results of sexism," said Sadker. "Since gender bias is not a noisy problem, most people are unaware of the secret sexist lessons and the quiet losses they engender," added Sadker.

Dr. Debra Thatcher, chair of the Riall Lecture Committee in the Department of Education at SSU, said, "Sadker's visit is compelling for two reasons. First, he'll help us see what we are now unwittingly blind to. And

second, he'll help us see how we can facilitate change."

Thatcher also promised that his lecture will be different than what some may expect. "Sadker is not one to simply talk to you. His presentation will be lively and interactive," she said.

Sadker has directed more than a dozen federal equity grants, authored five books and more than 75 articles in journals such as *Phi Delta Kappan*, *Harvard Educational Review* and *Psychology Today*. Sadker's work with his late wife Myra has been reported in hundreds of newspapers and magazines including *USA Today*, *Business Week*, *The Washington Post*,

The London Times, *The New York Times*, *Time* and *Newsweek*. They have appeared on local and national television shows such as *The Today Show* and *Good Morning America*, National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and twice on *Dateline NBC*. Sadker received the American Education Research Association's award for the best review of research published in the United States in 1991, its professional service

award in 1995 and the Eleanor Roosevelt Award from the American Association of University Women in 1995.

The Riall Lecture Series is funded by a bequest from the late E. Pauline Riall, long-time principal and teacher of SSU's Campus School.

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"Twelfth Night" opens Mar. 6 and runs through Mar. 15

Twelfth Night, one of Shakespeare's most musical comedies, opens Friday, March 6, at SSU. In a tribute to the reconstruction of the Globe Theater which opened to critical acclaim in London last summer, the SSU stage has been designed as a replica of the historical model.

Seating in the Fulton Hall Theater will even include standing space for "groundlings" and two seating areas for "Lords" and "Merchants."

Dr. T. Paul Pfeiffer directs; set design is by Jerry Patt. Performances are Friday and Saturday, March 6-7, and Wednesday-Saturday, March 11-14, at 8

p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. March 8 and 15.

Seating is \$7 general admission; \$5 for non-SSU students and senior citizens. SSU ID card holders will be admitted free to the standing room pit for groundlings.

A special preview performance will be held Thursday, March 5, at 8

p.m. No admission will be charged for this performance only. Post-performance discussions with the cast and director follow each Friday and Sunday performance. For reservations call the SSU Theater Box Office at 410-543-6228.

Herman Maril exhibit runs in Fulton Gallery Mar. 13 through Apr. 17

The paintings of Baltimore-born artist Herman Maril, whose art captured nature in deep colors and semi-abstract, simplified images, will be exhibited in the Fulton Hall Gallery March 13-April 17.

An opening reception with champagne and desserts will be held in the Fulton Gallery from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 13. SSU President William C. Merwin and Esta Maril, wife of the late artist, will be among those in attendance. Tickets are \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers.

The reception will also be the second recent gathering of the President's Club, a recognition society for people who have given gifts of \$1,000 or more to the University in the past year. Among other benefits, President's Club members receive invitations to cultural events in appreciation of their support of top quality education at SSU, said Garland Forde, director of special gifts for SSU.

"We thought that for members of this group, this would be an attractive alternative to having to go to Washington to see this kind of artwork," she said.

"Herman Maril: Search for the Essence" explores the subjects and stages of the artist's work, art that was both restrained and daring, understated and richly colorful, according to exhibit curator David Scott. The core of the exhibition is a group of 16 large oil paintings from Maril's late treatment of four recurring themes: the sea, mountains, the studio and figures. In his work, he dwelled on light, color and space.

"Maril is very much governed by his relationship with

nature and the natural worlds around him. His work is figurative, in a sense, and he has a unique way of looking at nature," said Kenneth A. Basile, director of the University Galleries.

A second group of drawings and paintings completed between 1927 and 1953 show Maril's development. The drawings are bold, stark brush drawings that complement but are distinctly different from his later oil paintings. It was the artist's "search for the essence," one he pursued vigorously during his years as a university instructor and during 40 summers at his summer residence in Provincetown, Mass., on the tip of Cape Cod.

"If his paintings were his symphonies, his drawings were his solo compositions, his most immediate and spontaneous expressions," curator David Scott said.

"In a few strokes he reduced the scene to basic symbols, elements that conveyed the pictorial drama inherent in a landscape or seascape," Scott added.

Maril, born in Baltimore in 1908, pursued art single-mindedly once he reached his teen-age years. He received early training at the Maryland Institute of Fine Arts, pursued painting

even as he worked during the Depression and served in World War II and then found his way to the University of Maryland, College Park established a permanent retrospective of his work.

"His roots go deeply back into the life of the region and the life of the state," Basile said.

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Men's lacrosse forced to go on the attack for title

Sam Atkinson
Sports Editor

The SSU men's lacrosse team will begin their season tomorrow after finishing 12-2 a year ago when they lost a heart breaking double-overtime quarterfinals game to Gettysburg

On Campus

Men's Basketball

The fifth-seeded Sea Gulls made an early exit from the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Tournament losing to St. Mary's 77-71 on Feb. 23, on the road. Senior George Robinson closed out his collegiate career with 29 points and 10 rebounds. Junior Shawn Johnson added 15 points. SSU lead at halftime 34-33 but trailed most of the second half. The fourth-seeded Seahawks were paced by Prince Inniss, who scored 22 points and grabbed 10 boards.

Women's Basketball

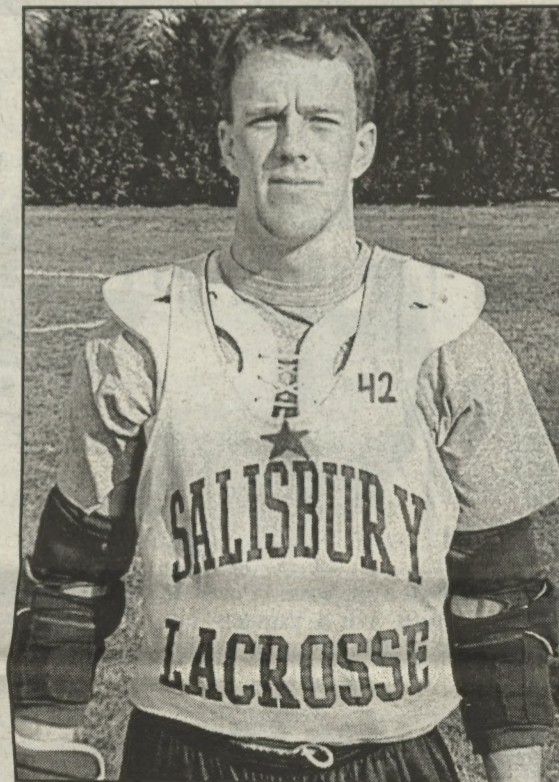
For the second year in a row the Sea Gulls have bounced from the semifinal round of the CAC Tournament. Top-seeded St. Mary's defeated the fourth-seeded Gulls 68-56 on Feb. 26, in St. Mary's City. Sophomore Jessica Latour led all scorers with 19 points. The Gulls advanced to the semifinals after defeating Marymount University, 81-78 on Feb. 24, at the Maggs Center. The Sea Gulls had five scorers in double figures in the victory that snapped the seven year CAC championship reign of Marymount.

Baseball

The Sea Gulls rallied for five runs in the ninth inning on Feb. 25, against Christopher Newport on the road, to stay undefeated winning 12-11. Sophomore Tim Hilyard drilled a two-run, pinch-hit single while seniors Dave Westervelt and Chris Vaccaro added run-scoring singles to spark the Gulls back from an 11-7 deficit. SSU scored 11 runs over the last three innings.



College, 10-9. The loss kept the Gulls from advancing in the Division III Tournament which they dominated for two years from 1994-95 as National

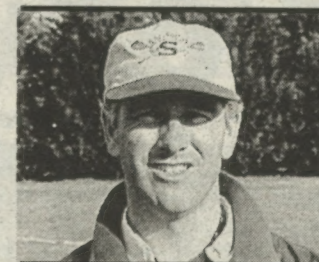


Junior Peter Troup leads the Sea Gull attack as the top returning scorer.

Champs. This year's team looks to return to the national spotlight with the depth they return at the attack position. Defensive inexperience is the only factor that may hold them back.

"I'm pleased with where we are right now. I think we are in really great shape," said head coach Jim Berkman. "My biggest concern right now is defensively. We lost five starters on defense. We have some great new players, and they are really starting to come together as a unit."

Junior Peter Troup leads the scoring attack for the Sea Gulls as he



We have been practicing for five weeks. That's a pretty long preseason. Our guys are anxious to play a game.

-Coach Jim Berkman

was an honorable mention All-American last season. Troup was second on the team with 47 points (33 goals and 14 assists). The Sea Gulls return nine of their top 12 scorers from the 1997 squad, which averaged 16.5 goals per game. Senior Scott Walstrum (13g-8a), juniors

Brian Smith (16g-6a) and Chris Fowler (8g-4a) accompany Troup.

"Peter is playing real well in the preseason. Troup, Walstrum and Smith have established themselves as the top three with Joe High (7g-6a) a close fourth," said Berkman.

At midfield, the Gulls welcome back a healthy senior, Erik Anderson, who missed most of last season with a hand injury. He has the ability to become one of the top midfielders in the nation. "We look forward to Erik having a big season. He has been hurt for a year and a half now," Berkman said.

Four seniors Mike Faith (16g-23a), Nate Desimone (22g-5a), Kevin Geberth (8g-3a) and Brian Harvey (5g-2a) provide much needed leadership and have the speed to blow by opponents.

"We're in incredible shape. Our team defense and offense looks real good," said Troup. "We got a little ways to go, but we are pretty far ahead at this point and time."

Berkman welcomes three transfers which should be immediate contributors. Senior David Livingston comes from the University of Maryland, a major Division I power. Senior Craig McKenzie and sophomore Chris Turner have been playing solid in practice.

Defense can either make or break the Gulls this season. SSU finished third in the nation last year in fewest goals allowed with 6.6 per game. All three starters and five of its top six players at the position graduated last May. Four transfers Darren Geraci, Tony Werner, Hirbod Azmi and Mark

Jakubowski must fill the gaps. Highly talented freshman Jarod Lieberman will start for the Gulls.

"Our biggest impact player as far as freshman is definitely Jarod Lieberman. Jarod is starting on defense. We have never had a freshman

defenseman start in 10 years. He's a tremendous player and a great athlete," said Berkman. "He's just doing a great job."

Junior Jason Tarnow, a transfer from Michigan State, has received the starting nod as goalkeeper over sophomore John Dodson. "We have two very good keepers, who can both get the job done," Berkman said.

Tomorrow the Sea Gulls, ranked third in the *Face-Off* Magazine preseason poll, will square off against Capital Athletic Conference rival St. Mary's College at home at 3 p.m.

"We have been practicing for five weeks. That's a pretty long preseason. Our guys are anxious to play a game," Berkman said.

1998 Men's Lacrosse Capsule

Last Season: 12-2 NCAA Division III Quarterfinalists

Head Coach: Jim Berkman, 10th season, 119-16

Assistant Coaches: Rich Betcher, Jayme Block, Brendan Bellotte, Jay Owen and Jared Mills

Key Losses: Jake Bergey, Mid; Brendan Bellotte, Def; John Monar, Mid; Scott Melvin, Mid; Jay Owen, Def.

Returning Players: Erik Anderson, Mid; Nate Desimone, Mid; Mike Faith, Mid; Kevin Geberth, Mid; Brian Harvey, Mid; Brian Smith, Att; Josh Tidwell, Mid; Peter Troup, Att; John Dodson, GK.

Newcomers: Dave Livingston, Mid; Chris Turner, Mid; Craig McKenzie, Mid; Jarod Lieberman, Def; Darren Geraci, Def; Jason Tarnow, GK.

Coach's Outlook: "There's lots of returning talent on this year's team, especially on attack and at midfield. This is a team that will be able to score. There's no question that we begin the year with some inexperience on defense. How quickly the defense matures and comes together will ultimately determine how far we go this season. We certainly have enough talent that on any given day, we can beat anybody in the country," said Berkman.



GAME OF THE WEEK

BEARS vs. SEA GULLS



Lacrosse matchup pits uncle versus nephew

Sam Atkinson
Sports Editor

When SSU men's lacrosse head coach, Jim Berkman, steps on to the playing field this Saturday, he will be forced to put aside the thought that his counterpart is his nephew.

The No. 3 Sea Gulls play host to the Bears of SUNY Potsdam at home in their second game of the season. The Gulls will open their season this Wednesday versus Capital Athletic Conference rival St. Mary's.

Former SSU lacrosse alumnus Rick Berkman played in Sea Gull Stadium from 1989-91 where he set the school mark for points (now owned by Jason Coffman) and earned All-American honors. Back then, Rick Berkman was coached by his uncle, Jim Berkman. Now Rick Berkman coaches the Bears.

"It's kind of unique to play against a former All-American and my nephew in the same game. That brings something to the table you usually don't bring to a game," said Jim Berkman.

SUNY Potsdam, who plays in the Empire Conference, brings in an experienced defensive midfield. Seniors Joe Zech, Andy Carey and Tim Morgan anchor the unit along with juniors Erik Ziener and Andy Attinasi. Their midfield is balance with seniors Joe Sacco and Paul Bennett.

A big question for the Bears seems to be their attack and goal tending. With only junior Andy Scott providing a threat to score, the Bears may not keep pace with the high scoring offense of the Gulls. After the graduation of Kerry Kresge and Rich Sommers in the cage, the replacement may be in question.

The Bears are unranked and should not have the depth to compete with the Sea Gulls. The Gulls feature an offense led by juniors Peter Troup, Brian Smith and Chris Fowler, who combined for 57 goals last season.

A experienced core of senior midfielders Nate Desimone, Kevin Geberth, Mike Faith and Brian Harvey should keep the Bear defense off balance.

The weak link right now for the Gulls is their defense. If the Bears are able to penetrate on the offensive side, they may have a chance. Junior Jason Tarnow could have his hands full in goal if the Bear attack slips in.

"We'll going to try to do our best as always. I'm sure Rick is going to have his team prepared to do their best," said Jim Berkman. "The players decide the outcome, not the coaches."

Softball hoping to make history with first ever trip to World Series

Parks, Hopper lead veteran group ranked sixth in the nation

Brian Burden
Flyer Sports Writer

The SSU softball team last season was one of breakthroughs and heartbreak. After establishing a school record for wins in a season, the team was one win away from making its first ever appearance in the NCAA Division III World Series with a loss to spare. Montclair State stole the region title out from under the Sea Gulls and the team is using the loss as a source of motivation.

"That day was very important to us because we were that close. It hurt to lose, but it has sparked us for this season. It's a whole new season, and we are looking forward to it most anxiously," said head coach Margie Knight, in her second year at the helm.

Knight brings an abundance of veterans back to the softball field this season, led by senior first baseman Myra Parks. Parks posted huge offensive numbers last season (12 home runs, 47 RBIs and a .413 batting average) and her defensive prowess at first base has won her accolades as well.

Parks is joined in the infield by returning starters Megan Hopper and Jen

Dodson at second and third base respectively. Hopper sets the tone at the



Senior first baseman, Myra Parks, looks to improve her offensive numbers from last season's 12 homers, 47 RBIs and a whopping .413 batting average.

plate and in the field. She led the team with 40 runs scored while hitting .367

and stealing 10 bases. Dodson added 46 hits and a .346 average at the plate. The battle at shortstop is between sophomore Julie Clark and newcomer Stephanie Bennett.

"We really want to reduce the errors in the field because that's where we're going to win the big games. We need the defense to be outstanding if we want to achieve our goals," Knight said.

The outfield is not yet set with incumbents Kristin Heath and Amanda Kopchinski holding down spots. Heath and Kopchinski combined for 33 RBIs last season, and Knight is hoping for more offensive production from them as well as the third outfielder, which is being battled for by a host of players.

Pitching will be a bit of a question mark to begin the season with standout Tracy Layfield and her 17 wins gone from last season. Kelly Bradford (15-7) returns along with sophomore Jade Widgeon (1-1). Newcomer Erin Wiley will provide depth and will start at times.

Hitting will be the team's greatest strength. The bulk of the offense

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Game Day

Men's Lacrosse
vs. SUNY Potsdam

Site: Sea Gull Stadium

When: Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Tickets: SSU Students: Free
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1998 Softball Capsule

Last Season: 33-14 overall, 8-0 CAC
Head Coach: Margie Knight, 2nd Season, 33-14

Assistant Coaches: Tom Stichter, Jen Bowman, Eric Torbert

Key Losses: Jen Bowman, Kara Burman, Becky Keller and Tracy Layfield

Returning Players: Kelly Bradford, P; Lori Carrion, 1B-C; Julie Clark, SS-OF; Jen Dodson, 3B; Becky Fox, 2B-OF; Vicki Hardesty, C; Kristin Heath, OF; Megan Hopper, 2B; Amanda Kopchinski, OF; Myra Parks, 1B; Kerri Smith, OF; Jade Widgeon, P.
Newcomers: Stephanie Bennett, SS; Shannon Duffy, OF; Robin Ferdetta, 2B; April Harned, C; Shannon Monroney, 3B; Jackie Rofs, Utl.; Erin Wiley, P.

Coach's Outlook: "We are going to try and take that next step and reach the World Series. The girls are in much better cardiovascular shape than ever before and we're hoping they will be able to use that to get over the hump. This is an experienced team with a bunch of veterans. The mistakes on the field should cut down a bit from last year and we're looking for a great deal of pop out of the bats," said Knight.

Preseason poll has veteran team ranked sixth in the nation

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returns, with the exception of Becky Keller and Jen Bowman who

graduated. Parks will lead the attack with Hopper causing problems at the top of

the order. Dodson and Parks should do major damage in the middle of the lineup.

"Our lineup is one of the most potent in all of Division III. We have more power than last year and our bench is much stronger," Knight said.

With the success of last year comes heightened expectations. The team was ranked sixth in the nation last season in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's poll and returns to the same spot in the preseason. There will be no surprise this year if the team takes the next step.

"We want to be in the World Series, and we have worked hard as hell in the pre-season to get ready for what we need to do. The girls want it, and I want it," Knight said.

The team opens its season this Monday at home versus St. Joseph's (Maine) at 1:30 p.m.

Schedule

Wednesday, March 4	- Baseball vs. College of New Jersey (3 p.m.) - Men's Lacrosse vs. St. Mary's* (3 p.m.) - Women's Lacrosse vs. Notre Dame (4 p.m.)
Saturday, March 7	- Baseball vs. Rutgers Camden (1 p.m.) - Women's Lacrosse vs. Villa Julie (1 p.m.) - Men's Lacrosse vs. Potsdam State (1 p.m.) - Men's Tennis at Trinity (3 p.m.)
Sunday, March 8	- Baseball vs. Gallaudet (2) (12:30 p.m.) - Men's Tennis at Averett (3 p.m.)
Monday, March 9	- Softball vs. St. Joseph's (1:30 p.m.)

All-Flyer Team

With the winter sports season complete, the sports staff of The Flyer was again faced with the difficult task of naming the All-Flyer Team, the best and the brightest athletes of the winter sports teams. The voting, by secret ballot, was very close in almost every category. In one case, there was even a tie. Nevertheless, here is the winter 1997-98 All-Flyer Team:

Men's Basketball - George Robinson, Senior Forward



Women's Basketball - Amy Cooke, Junior Guard



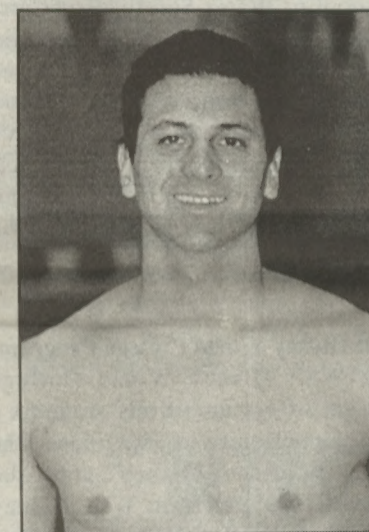
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All-Flyer Team

ALL-FLYER TEAM, from page 13

The only upperclassman on the team, Cooke started all 25 games for the 13-12 Sea Gulls. She averaged 32.7 minutes per game, leading the team. The 5 foot-5 inch guard shot 38.8 percent from the field and 36.5 percent from behind the three-point arc. She was second in scoring with 15.0 points per game, including a 32-point effort against Marymount on Feb. 17. More importantly, the native of East Windsor, N.J. provided the leadership for the young squad. Cooke led the team with 191 assists, including a team-record 15 against Catholic on Dec. 3, more than three times that of her teammates.

Men's Swimming - Chris Bembeneck, Senior Backstroke/Butterfly



at the CAC Championships, the team's highest finish ever. After only her first season, Calcaterra holds school records in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle.

Rookie of the Year- Lisa Neylan, Freshman Forward



In one of the closest votes, Neylan edged out several players for Rookie of the Year honors. The 6-foot native of Trenton, N.J. made a huge impact on the young Sea Gull squad, leading the team with 11.7 rebounds per game. She was also third on the team in scoring, averaging 11.4 points per game. She led the team in rebounds in 20 of the team's 25 games, including 18 in the season opener against Allentown on Nov. 22. Her presence under the basket led the Gulls to a 13-12 finish, falling in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

Women's Swimming - Alison Calcaterra, Freshman Freestyle

The native of Severna Park, Md., Calcaterra surprised many people when she captured the CAC championship in the 100-yard freestyle. Her time of 53.99 seconds set new SSU and CAC records. Her victory, along with her contribution on five record-setting relay teams, led the women's swimming team to a fourth place finish

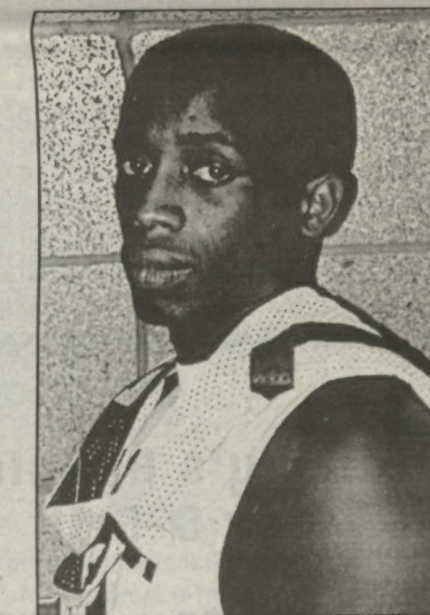
39.6 percent from the floor and 23.8 percent from behind the 3-point line. She averaged 6.5 points and 16.1 minutes per game. Even more than that, Deschu

team, guided the Sea Gulls to a 13-12 finish, including an appearance in the semifinals of the CAC Tournament. Her



team outscored their opponents by an average of 80-76. The team shot 41.8 percent from the field and 68.6 percent from the free throw line. The team out-rebounded their opponents 1149-1051.

Player of the Year
George Robinson, Senior Forward



Robinson was the clear choice for Player of the Year, as he led the men's basketball team in four categories, averaging 17.6 points, 6.2 rebounds and 24.9 minutes per game, as well as grabbing 71 steals for the season. His 52.3 field goal percentage was second on the team, as was his 71.8 percent shooting from the free throw line. Robinson graduates as the leader of the youngest SSU team in recent memory, with only three seniors on the squad.



Co-Coaches of the Year
Jill Stephenson,
Men's and Women's Swimming

Stephenson, in her third season as head coach of SSU's swim teams, led the Gulls to their best finish ever at the CAC Championship Meet, both teams finished in fourth place. Amazingly, between both teams, 26 new school records were set this season, along with numerous conference and pool records. The women finished with a 6-5 overall record while the men finished at 2-6.

Bridget Benshetler,
Women's Basketball

Benshetler, in her eighth season at the helm of the women's basketball

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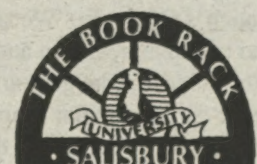
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American Association of University Women Scholarship

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Best Buddies International

Best Buddies is looking for interested SSU students! Best Buddies is an international non-profit organization which seeks to enhance the lives of persons with mental retardation by providing opportunities for socialization. The colleges program is run by matching college students with individuals with mild to moderate mental retardation in one-to-one friendships. The requirements of the chapter members include participating in four group outings per academic year, seeing your buddy once a month one-on-one and calling your buddy once a week. We are actively seeking interested students, and also a College Buddy Director for Fall

1998. This individual will be flown FREE to Miami this summer for a leadership training conference. Anyone who is interested should call Michelle at 410-539-0615.

Environmental Health Club

The Environmental Health Club is sponsoring a speaker to kick off Earth Day. On Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m., Erin Fitzsimmons, Esq. will be talking about Environmental Law. Some topics include the legislation dealing with pfisteria and other Environmental Health issues. The location will be announced next week. Other upcoming events include a bake sale in the Devilbiss lobby on March 17 and a car wash on May 2 at Thirsty's. More details to follow.

Evergreen Yearbook

Club Photos are March 2 - 5 from 2 - 4 p.m. and 7 - 10 p.m. Senior portraits will be held March 4 and 5 from 2 - 8 p.m. Underclassmen will be photographed in the Commons March 2 - 5 from 5 - 7 p.m. Call x87748 for more information.

Habitat for Humanity

Hey all! Once again it is time for our annual Donate-a-Meal Drive. All you have to do is sign up to donate your meal on March 12 in the Commons lobby. Sign-ups are taking place during lunch and dinner. Proceeds go to the SSU Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. As always, our meetings are on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in Nanticoke A. Hope to see you there. For more information, call Byron at x84337.

Martin Barnes Scholarship

Applications for the Martin Barnes Scholarship are available in the Financial Aid Office. Applicants must be full-time students and have certified performance of at least 100 hours of community service within the current academic year in the field of human outreach. Certification of community service must be on organization or school letterhead with the original signature of the supervisor or guidance counselor. Applicants must submit typed 250-word, double-spaced essay about "The Contributions I Would Make to Win the War on Drugs." Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA. Deadline is June 1.

Outdoor Club

The Outdoor Club meets every Monday at 9 p.m. in the Nanticoke Room of the University Center. Trips are held approximately twice a month and include hiking, skiing, caving, rock climbing, canoeing and more. The annual Spring Break canoeing/backpacking trip will be from March 20 - 29. Sign-ups will be at the meeting on March 2. A trail clean-up is being planned for early spring. No equipment or experience is necessary for any of the trips. For more information, call Keri at x64072.

Phi Eta Sigma

The SSU chapter of Phi Eta Sigma will hold their annual induction ceremony and luncheon on Sunday, April 5 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Wicomico Room of the University Center. With more than 300 chapters throughout the United States, Phi Eta Sigma is the nation's oldest and largest freshman

honor society. Eligibility for induction requires that a student have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the end of one of their first two semesters at SSU as a full-time student. If you would like more information about membership in Phi Eta Sigma, please contact Julie Faulkner in the Office of Special Academic Programs at (410) 543-6422.

Red Cross Aquatic Training

SSU and the Lower Shore Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering a variety of courses during the second annual Aquatic Institute. Class offerings include: lifeguard training, CPR, First Aid, Certified Pool Operator and Community Water Safety. Brochures and applications may be picked up at the pool area in Maggs or by calling the Red Cross office at 410-749-5331. Classes are filling quickly. So if you need life guarding certification for a summer job, now is the time to register! Questions about the courses may be directed to Jill Stephenson, 410-543-6357.

Walt Disney World College Program

The Walt Disney World College Program offers ambitious students a unique opportunity to experience "the magical world of Disney" from the inside! Recruiters from Walt Disney World will be at SSU interviewing students of all majors for summer and fall positions throughout the theme parks and resorts. The presentation will be on March 12, at 6 p.m. in Caruthers Auditorium. Don't miss this chance of a lifetime! For more information, call Megan Pfeltz at 546-4027 or Caren Franchetti at 546-4117.

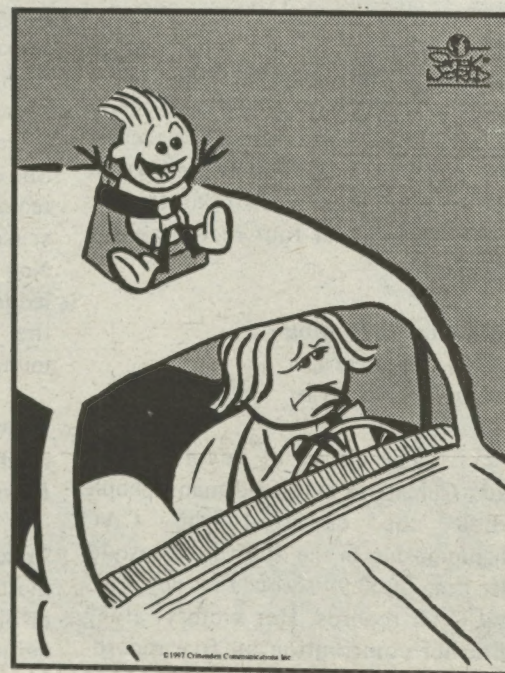
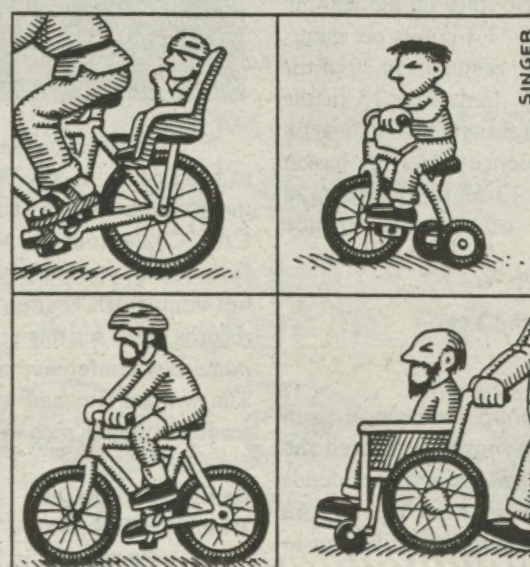
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Alpha Sigma Tau ΑΣΤ

Alpha Sigma Tau would like to wish the new pledges of Alpha Omicron good luck. They are: Jen Clark, Erin Cuniss, Susan Johnston, Nicole Muhler and Mandy Shilko. You girls will do a wonderful job. Thank you ΣΑΕ for a great time at toga, Bahama Buzz is just around the corner. We would also like to congratulate Lori DeStwolinski, Trisha Ehman, Sarah Hensley, Michele Klaczak and Leslie Watson who were elected to this summer's Alpha Sigma Tau National Convention in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Natalie Grant, stay away from the "Spice Girl" shoes. Way to go Jessica Ditmars for Sister of the Week!

Delta Gamma ΔΓ

Hello everyone! Delta Gamma would like to say thanks to Sig Ep for the great time and creative highlighting at our social last Friday. Congratulations to our Sister of the Week - Nicole Leister. We would also like to say thank you to Julie Pierno for all of her hard work with rush. If anyone would still like to come out



The Flyer! Courtesy of Delta Gamma
Delta Gamma sisters (l-r) Amanda Koss, Amy Moran, Jessica Stitely, Meredith Kelly, Lara Ricci, Mindy Allen and Candace Knox.

and rush Dee Gee, please contact Mindy at 410-546-4381.

Pi Lambda Phi ΠΛΦ

Hello everybody. Spring is just about here and we have a lot of stuff planned, so keep your eyes open. We'd all like to say thanks to Delta Gamma: the "bonding experience" was killer. Congratulations to Schwabbie on his 42 (42.62 - same difference). Jeff is finding out just what happens when you rely too much on shock value. By the way, what's a "gila monster"?

Sigma Alpha Epsilon ΣΑΕ

Paddy is coming!! What exactly is it? Well, look in the following weeks of The Flyer for further details. Sigma Alpha Epsilon did their annual Adopt-a-Highway project this past weekend and did a beautiful job. Intramurals are starting up again and our teams are taking off. Have a great week and keep on reading.

Tau Kappa Epsilon ΤΚΕ

When did The Flyer start circulating? Thanks to everyone who came to the Crossroads two weeks ago for Monday night wrestling. Seventy-five lbs. of wings in three hours, not bad! Come and see Ray Schoenke, candidate for Maryland governor, speak tonight in

Caruthers Auditorium at 8 p.m. Our basketball teams (yes, teams), are playing well. Okay, maybe just one of them is. Until next time...

Zeta Tau Alpha ΖΤΑ

It seems as if the semester just began and yet Spring Break is only two and a half weeks away! We would like to thank ΣΑΕ for the Graffiti social last Friday. Mouth, did that highlighter come off your tongue? Thanks also go out to ΤΚΕ for the great BBQ social on Saturday evening. On a more serious note: Congratulations to Ellen on her engagement to Tony. Best Wishes! Look for the Zetas next week when we are cleaning off the campus kiosks. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it. Anyone interested in a social should call Carrie at 410-742-8871.

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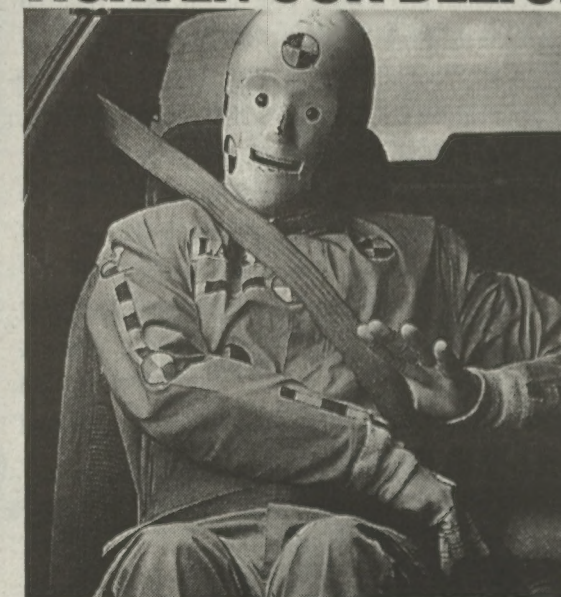
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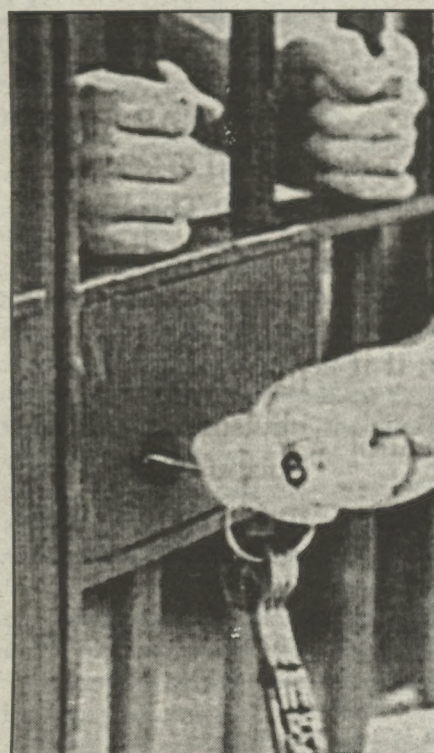
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Director of Public Safety

2/20 - 2/21 Vandalism - A car parked in the Library lot was damaged. Scratch marks were found on the left side of the car.

2/21 Vandalism - A mirror, soap dish and tiles were broken in the 2-D cluster of Choptank Hall.

2/21 Vandalism - A window in the 3-E cluster of Chesapeake Hall was broken. On 2/24, a University Police Officer determined that a resident of Chesapeake Hall broke the window. Administrative action is pending.

2/21 Alcohol Violation - A student was found to be drinking beer in a stairwell at 10/14/97, a resident of Chesapeake Hall

the south end of St. Martin Hall. Administrative action is pending.

2/21 - 2/22 Vandalism - An exit light was pulled from the ceiling and ceiling tiles were damaged on the second floor of Choptank Hall, south end.

2/23 Hit & Run - A student reported that a vehicle parked in the Power Professional lot was damaged by an unknown vehicle.

2/23 - 2/24 Vandalism - A lacrosse net was cut at the Athletic Complex.

2/24 Telephone Misuse - A resident of St. Martin Hall reported receiving several annoying and unwanted phone calls.

2/24 False Report of Theft - On 10/14/97, a resident of Chesapeake Hall

reported that a parking permit was missing. On 2/19/98, a freshman resident's car was found on campus, displaying the missing permit. Investigation revealed that a false report was made in order for the freshman (who is ineligible to purchase a permit) to receive a permit. Administrative action is pending.

2/25 Theft - A resident of Chester Hall reported that a wallet and contents were stolen from a varsity locker room in Maggs.

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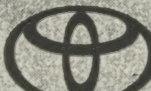
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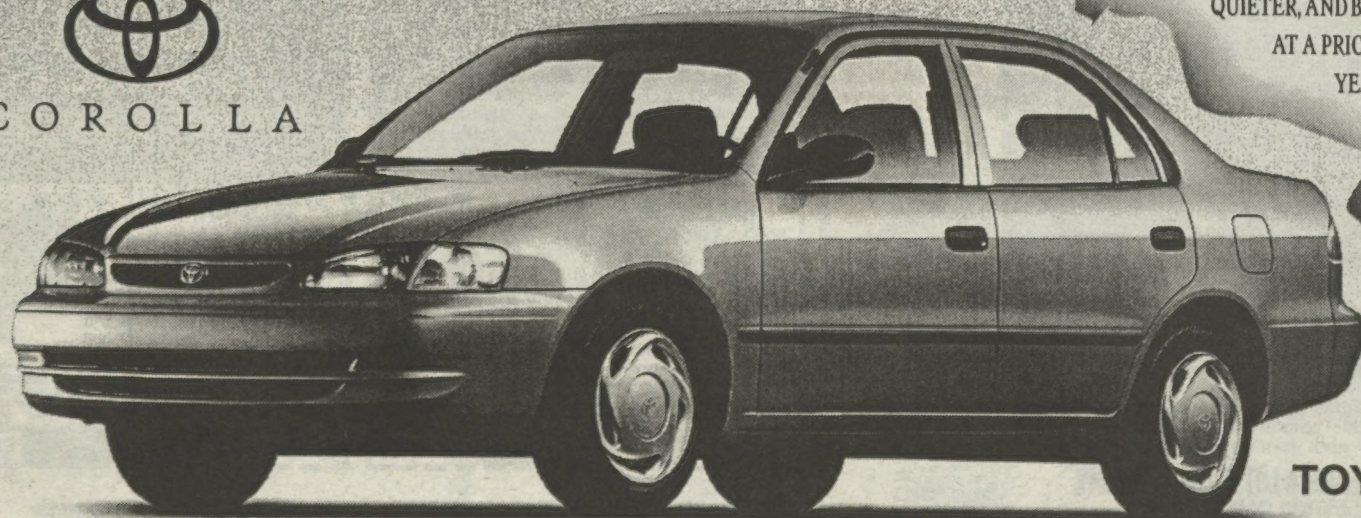
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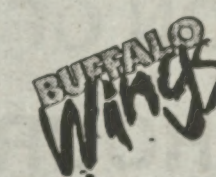


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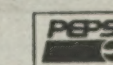


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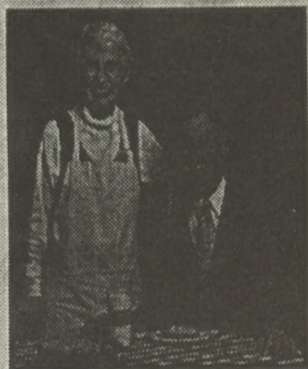
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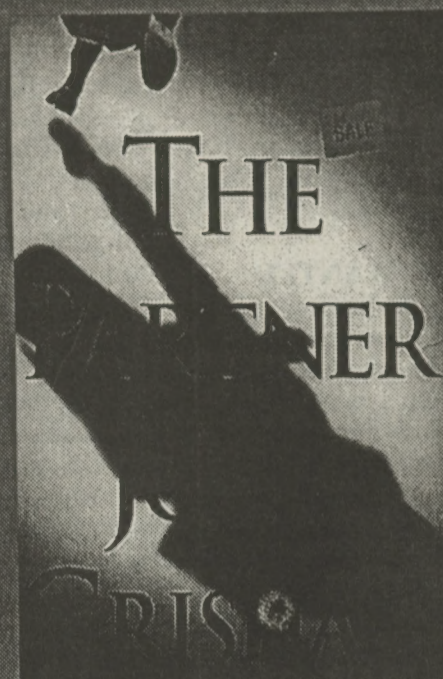


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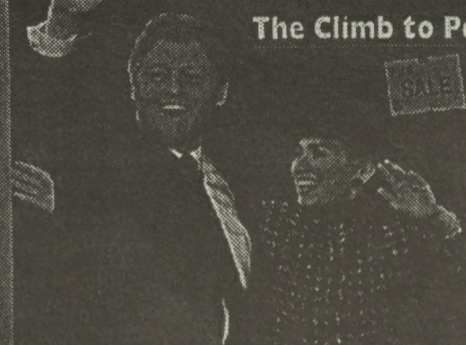
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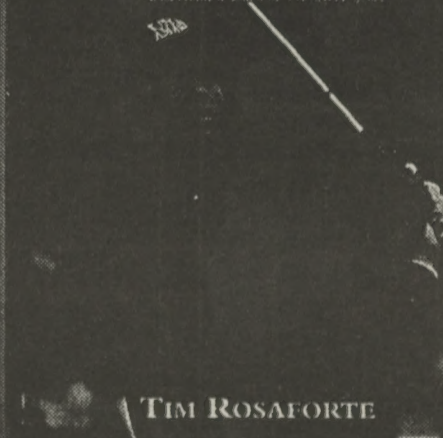
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